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## PRESS RELEASE

### **USAID Continues with Renovations: New Roof for a Gorno Lisice School**

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), are investing \$3 million in school renovations across Macedonia. "Goce Delcev" Primary School in Gorno Lisice village, Aerodrom municipality, is one recipient of this assistance. The Mayor of Aerodrom, Ivica Koneski, joined representatives of the U.S. Embassy and PEP as well as the principal, teachers and students of the school to celebrate the completion of the new roof. This activity is one of 77 school renovations that have been carried out by USAID's Primary Education Project so far. By 2011, over 100 schools will be renovated, which is nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia.

"With these renovations, we are not only creating a better learning environment, we are also creating a child-friendly, safe environment for students, and one which will provide energy savings" said Amanda Timko, U.S. Embassy Political Officer. "Those savings can then be used for other educational priorities."

The renovation component of the Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of the responsibility for school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase access to and use of information technology as well as to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

The Primary Education Project, implemented by the Academy for Educational Development (AED), works with all public primary schools in Macedonia. The project seeks to improve the quality of instruction and increase student employment skills. The overall goal of the USAID Education Program is to strengthen education in Macedonia and to support decentralization efforts as Macedonia seeks entrance to the European Union.

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.